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For: METHOD OF PREVENTING BACTERIOPHAGE INFECTION
OF BACTERIAL CULTURES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend
the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

A1
6. A method according to [any of] claim[s] 2 [to 5] wherein the strain in said
substrate material is not capable of performing at least one activity selected from the group
consisting of DNA replication, RNA transcription and protein synthesis.

A2 sub 3
21. A starter culture [composition] composition comprising the lactic acid
bacterium of [any of] claim[s] 18[-20].

A3
24. A method of manufacturing a food or feed product comprising adding a
starter culture composition according to [any of] claim[s] 21[-23] to a food or feed product
starting material and keeping the thus inoculated starting material under conditions where
the lactic acid bacterium is metabolically active.

A4
26. Use of a culture as obtained in the method of claim 1 [or a lactic acid
bacterium according to any of claims 18-20] as a starter culture in the preparation of a
product selected from the group consisting of a dairy flavour, a product for cheese
flavouring, a food product and a feed product.